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To Whom It May Concern,

The intent of this letter is to make sure that all businesses are not only created equal, they are *treated* equal. We are asking that you please consider supporting the Michigan Main Street Fairness Act and the principle that every business should be on a level playing field for collecting sales tax.

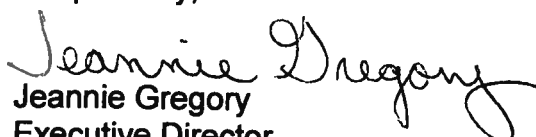
This is an issue screaming for justice. Why should a *non-Michigan* online business continue to be allowed to take advantage of a loophole and not collect and pay sales tax on goods sold to Michigan consumers, while Michigan-based businesses are required to collect and pay? Current law is simply not fair!

That's not even to mention the tax dollars that could be collected and utilized in an already financially starving state. But this is not an additional or new tax, and the businesses that already collect sales tax are not asking for release from this responsibility, they are just asking for all businesses to have the same requirements.

Can anyone explain why out-of-state online retailers should receive a pardon from collecting and paying sales tax? They are already enjoying the advantage of not having to pay the overhead of a brick-and-mortar business, and with E-Fairness the online businesses will at least have the same accountability to pay taxes as their counterparts. We are concerned because the non-Michigan, Internet businesses are giving the impression of a lower expense than regular retailers to their customers, due to their ability to not charge sales tax.

The Rockford Chamber of Commerce is asking that you please look at this issue and give the Michigan Main Street Fairness Act your stamp of approval. All we ask is for everyone to be on a level playing field, and let commerce ring.

Respectfully,


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